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themselves, and those similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ZUFFA, LLC; ENDEAVOR
STREAMING, LLC; and ENDEAVOR
GROUP HOLDINGS, INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:22-cv-00412-RFB-BNW

**DEFENDANT ZUFFA LLC'S
OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR CLASS
CERTIFICATION**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Plaintiffs’ Motion for Class Certification should be denied because the core issue underlying
 3 their claims—whether Zuffa allegedly disclosed Facebook IDs to Meta by installing the Meta Pixel
 4 on the UFC Fight Pass website—cannot be determined on a class-wide basis without evaluating
 5 each and every proposed class member’s Facebook and web browser settings and practices.
 6 Specifically, Plaintiffs seek to certify a class of all Fight Pass subscribers “with respect to whom
 7 Meta received their [Facebook] ID and the URL of the webpage hosting video content.” Not. of
 8 Mot. at 2. According to Plaintiffs, this includes only Fight Pass subscribers whose Facebook IDs
 9 were “actually sent” to Meta. Mot. at 14. But there is simply no way to determine whether *any*
 10 proposed class member’s Facebook ID was actually sent to Meta without highly individualized
 11 inquiries because, as Plaintiffs and their expert acknowledge, this information is embedded in third-
 12 party cookies (i.e., Facebook’s “c_user” and “m_page_voice” cookies) that can be blocked by a
 13 variety of common settings and practices—including using web browsers like Safari that block
 14 third-party cookies by default, installing cookie blocker extensions like Adblock, or manually
 15 clearing cookies. In fact, by Plaintiffs’ own estimate, “perhaps 30% of total tracking was lost due
 16 to cookie blockers.” Mot. at 15. This alone is fatal to Plaintiffs’ Motion. *See In re Hulu Privacy*
 17 *Litig.*, 2014 WL 2758598, at *22 (N.D. Cal. June 17, 2014) (denying class certification premised
 18 on the disclosure of Facebook’s c_user cookie because “the substantial issues about remaining
 19 logged into Facebook and clearing and blocking cookies mean that the court cannot conclude on
 20 this record that the common issues predominate over the individual ones”).

21 Rather than address these individualized issues head on, Plaintiffs assert, for the first time,
 22 a new and half-baked disclosure theory, claiming that the Pixel also transmits a first-party cookie
 23 (i.e., the “fbp” cookie) to Meta “to defeat cookie blocker settings.” Mot. at 2-4, 14-15. But unlike
 24 the third-party cookies discussed above, the fbp cookie does **not** include a Facebook ID or any other
 25 personally identifiable information (“PII”). Plaintiffs fail to explain—let alone prove by a
 26 preponderance of the evidence—how the fbp cookie could, therefore, serve as common proof that
 27 Zuffa allegedly disclosed Facebook IDs to Meta. That is because it cannot.

1 Recognizing these inherent defects in their Motion, Plaintiffs blindly point to the records
 2 produced by Meta in this litigation as common proof that Zuffa allegedly disclosed Facebook IDs.
 3 Mot. at 14 (“Meta has records of the data transfers, which Plaintiffs have subpoenaed; this will
 4 allow confirmation of whose data was transferred.”). [REDACTED]

5 [REDACTED]
 6 [REDACTED]
 7 [REDACTED]. Plaintiffs fail to explain
 8 (because they cannot) how the information in Meta’s records supports their Motion, and Plaintiffs’
 9 expert has never analyzed Meta’s records let alone formed any opinions based on them. Thus,
 10 beyond the fact that [REDACTED] Plaintiffs have waived any
 11 argument based on the contents of such records and cannot do so for the first time on reply. *In re*
 12 *Graphics Processing Units Antitrust Litig.*, 253 F.R.D. 478, 501 (N.D. Cal. 2008) (“[s]lipping []
 13 new arguments into a rebuttal report was a clear-cut form of sandbagging and was simply unfair.”).

14 Plaintiffs’ inability to establish predominance should end the certification inquiry. But even
 15 setting this fundamental flaw aside, Plaintiffs’ Motion should also be denied for additional reasons:

16 **First**, as a threshold issue, Plaintiffs’ proposed nationwide and California classes are not
 17 sufficiently defined to warrant class certification. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(1)(B) (“[a]n order that
 18 certifies a class action must define the class and the class claims, issues, or defenses”). Rather,
 19 both proposed classes are defined to include only Fight Pass subscribers whose data was “actually
 20 sent” to Meta. Mot. at 14. But, as noted above, there is no way to determine whether any putative
 21 class member’s Facebook ID was “actually sent” to Meta because of the highly individualized
 22 inquiries required to know whether any such disclosure *could* have occurred. [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]
 24 [REDACTED]
 25 **Second**, Plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden of proving numerosity. Rather, Plaintiffs
 26 merely assert that [REDACTED] have accessed video content
 27 on the Fight Pass website. Mot. at 7. But that does nothing to show the number of Fight Pass
 28 subscribers who fall within Plaintiffs’ proposed class definitions, which are limited to those

1 subscribers “with respect to whom Meta received their [Facebook ID] and the URL of the webpage
 2 hosting video content.” Not. of Mot. at 2. Plaintiffs have, therefore, failed to “prove that there are
 3 *in fact* sufficiently numerous parties.” *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend*, 569 U.S. 27, 33 (2013).

4 **Third**, Plaintiffs cannot establish that a class action is the superior method for adjudicating
 5 their claims because the proposed classes would be unmanageable. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3)(D).
 6 Indeed, the numerous evidentiary issues discussed above would each require full-blown mini-trials,
 7 making identifying and verifying the claims of each putative class member extremely difficult if
 8 not impossible. Based on similar circumstances, courts have held that “class treatment is not
 9 superior.” *See, e.g., In re Hulu Privacy Litig.*, 2014 WL 2758598, at *22-23.

10 **Fourth**, Plaintiff Bloom (who seeks to represent the proposed California class) is not an
 11 adequate or typical class representative because he lacks standing. [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED]. Consequently, Bloom cannot claim that he has suffered any injury in fact.

14 **Fifth**, Plaintiffs’ state law claims also raise a host of additional individualized issues.
 15 Plaintiffs’ Invasion of Privacy claim will require individualized proof regarding whether each
 16 putative class member actually maintained a reasonable expectation of privacy in Fight Pass video
 17 titles. Plaintiffs’ UCL claim will also require them to establish that the materiality of Zuffa’s
 18 alleged omissions about the Pixel is subject to common proof. And lastly, Plaintiffs’ failure to
 19 provide *any* methodology for calculating class-wide damages for these California claims is fatal.

20 **Sixth**, Plaintiffs’ request for certification for injunctive relief under Rule 23(b)(2) should
 21 also be denied. Plaintiffs do not have standing to seek injunctive relief because they are not current
 22 Fight Pass subscribers and have not demonstrated that they intend to purchase Fight Pass
 23 subscriptions in the future. *See Larsen v. Vizio, Inc.*, 2017 WL 11633132, at *6 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 27,
 24 2017) (Plaintiffs failed to make the requisite showing of future harm for purposes of establishing
 25 Article III standing to seek injunctive relief under Rule 23(b)(2)).

26 **Finally**, Plaintiffs have waived class certification against the Endeavor Defendants because
 27 Plaintiffs’ Motion solely seeks to certify a class against Zuffa. Indeed, Plaintiffs’ Motion makes
 28 no reference to Endeavor Group Holdings and only makes a passing reference to Endeavor

1 Streaming (Mot. at 4). Accordingly, Plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden with respect to the
 2 Endeavor Defendants and have waived their right to seek certification against the Endeavor
 3 Defendants in the future by failing to timely file a motion for class certification against them.

4 **II. BACKGROUND**

5 **A. Zuffa and the UFC Fight Pass Website**

6 Zuffa owns and operates UFC Fight Pass, a subscription-based video streaming platform
 7 that gives UFC fans access to live events and other video content, including prelims for pay-per-
 8 view events, past UFC fights, original series and shows, and other UFC-related videos. *See* Ex. S
 9 at 23:2-13. Fight Pass subscribers can stream video from the Fight Pass website
 10 (www.ufcfightpass.com) or through one of the Fight Pass apps for mobile devices, Smart TVs, and
 11 media-streaming devices. *See* Ex. T at 91:22-92:5; Ex. S at 127:17-128:4.

12 Zuffa advertises UFC Fight Pass through Facebook. Ex. S at 27:5-22. To understand the
 13 performance of its Facebook ads, Zuffa uses a complimentary and commonly used digital
 14 marketing tool called the Meta Pixel on the Fight Pass website. Ex. S at 73:16-74:6; Ex. T at 22:20-
 15 23:6. Zuffa uses the Pixel to understand “conversions” from Facebook ads, such as the number of
 16 times Fight Pass subscriptions are purchased through Facebook ads. Ex. S at 65:14-17.

17 **B. The Meta Pixel**

18 The Meta Pixel (or the “Pixel”) is a snippet of JavaScript code that can be added directly to
 19 a website’s code. Here, Zuffa copied the base Pixel code into a user-friendly coding interface called
 20 Google Tag Manager (“GTM”). Ex. T at 31:17-32:1, 35:4-7. When installing the Pixel through
 21 GTM, Facebook instructs that the Pixel “base code” should be configured to fire on all pages of a
 22 website. Ex. T at 69:18-71:18; *see also* Ex. HH. Once installed, the Pixel can be used to track
 23 certain website visitor actions, which Facebook calls “events.” The base Pixel code—which must
 24 be used to install the Pixel on a website—includes a default “PageView” event (i.e., the Pixel event
 25 at issue in this case). Ex. T at 82:4-12; 90:20-91:8; *see also* Ex. KK.

26 **C. Plaintiffs’ Disclosure Theories**

27 From the outset of this case, Plaintiffs’ theory of liability has been that Zuffa’s use of the
 28 Pixel code on the Fight Pass website caused the disclosure of two pieces of information to Meta

1 Platforms, Inc. (“Meta” or “Facebook”), which Plaintiffs claim constitute PII: (1) Facebook IDs
 2 (via the third-party “c_user” and “m_page_voice” cookies), and (2) video titles embedded in Fight
 3 Pass URLs. ECF No. 47 ¶¶ 2, 4-5, 32, 35. Plaintiffs’ Motion doubles-down on this disclosure
 4 theory by defining the proposed classes as limited to Fight Pass subscribers “with respect to whom
 5 Meta received their [Facebook] ID and the URL of the webpage hosting video content.” Not. of
 6 Mot. at 2; *see also* Mot. at 1, 3-5, 14, 17, 19.

7 However, anticipating that “Zuffa [would] argue that individualized questions exist as to
 8 whether [PII] was disclosed due to discrepancies in subscribers’ browsers, devices, privacy settings,
 9 and the possible use of cookie-blocking add-on software,” Plaintiffs raise, for the first time, a new
 10 and half-baked disclosure theory that an “updated Pixel and CAPI” also transmits a first-party
 11 cookie (the “fbp” cookie) to Meta. *Id.* Even setting aside the factual inaccuracies underlying this
 12 theory (*see* Expert Report of Ron Schnell (“Schnell Rep.”) ¶¶ 46-71, attached as Ex. A), it does not
 13 salvage Plaintiffs’ Motion because the fbp cookie does not contain a Facebook ID or any other PII.
 14 *Id.* ¶ 49. Rather, it is comprised of two elements that are the same for all users and two elements
 15 that differ each time the cookie is created (the time the cookie was created and a random number).
 16 Schnell Rep. ¶¶ 47-48. At her deposition, Plaintiffs’ expert admitted that she did not know how (if
 17 at all) Meta purportedly uses the fbp cookie to identify an individual. Ex. U at 234:12-18.

18 **D. Meta’s Records**

19 On August 21, 2023, Meta produced data in response to a subpoena served by Plaintiffs.

20 Ex. W. [REDACTED]
 21 [REDACTED]
 22 [REDACTED]
 23 [REDACTED]
 24 [REDACTED]
 25 [REDACTED]
 26 [REDACTED]
 27 [REDACTED]
 28 [REDACTED]. In fact, although Meta produced these records over three months

1 ago, Plaintiffs have made no attempt to supplement their Motion, Plaintiffs' expert has not analyzed
2 or formulated any opinions based on Meta's production (Ex. U at 130:10-25), and Plaintiffs have
3 not deposed anyone from Meta. As discussed below, Plaintiffs should be prohibited from making
4 any argument based on the contents of Meta's records for the first time on reply.

5 **E. The Named Plaintiffs**

6 Discovery from Plaintiffs has shown that this case is ill-suited for class treatment.

7 ***Everett Bloom.*** [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]
10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]
13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]

15 ***Jack Graham.*** [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
21 [REDACTED]

22 ***Dave Lindholm.*** [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED]
27 [REDACTED]
28 [REDACTED]

1 **F. Plaintiffs’ Experts**

2 **Rebecca Herold.** Plaintiffs submitted a “preliminary” expert report from Rebecca Herold
3 that is riddled with inaccuracies. [REDACTED]

4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]. Ex. U at 109:19-110:21, 152:6-152:24. [REDACTED]

6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]. Ex. U
8 at 147:1-149:14; 193:23-194:12 [REDACTED] *id.*
9 at 185:1-8 [REDACTED] *id.*
10 at 212:19-22. Consequently, Herold did not test whether any data was *actually sent* to Meta.

11 Nor did Herold test the effects of common Facebook and web browser settings and practices
12 on the cookies at issue, [REDACTED]

13 [REDACTED]
14 [REDACTED]. Exs. NN, OO; Ex. U at 170:9-14; 176:11-194:4; 199:22-203:13; 205:3-210:11; 238:2-
15 239:5. In particular, [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] Ex. U at 187:13-188:10, 189:5-22.

18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]. Ex. U at 234:9-237:25, 196:17-197:11. Perhaps tellingly, during
20 the time she was drafting her report, she posted a message on LinkedIn asking for help
21 understanding how the Pixel functions. Ex. V; Ex. U at 135:5-138:20.

22 Finally, Herold stated that [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED]
27 **Bruce McFarlane.** Plaintiffs also submitted a report from Bruce McFarlane on damages
28 which simply multiplies the statutory damages by the number of Fight Pass subscribers. McFarlane

Rep. at 4-7. The report does not provide any methodology regarding Plaintiffs’ state law claims.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Before it can certify a class, a district court must be “satisfied, after a rigorous analysis, that the prerequisites” of both Rule 23(a) and 23(b)(3) have been satisfied. *Comcast Corp. v. Behrend*, 569 U.S. 27, 35 (2013). “[P]laintiffs wishing to proceed through a class action must actually prove—not simply plead—that their proposed class satisfies each requirement of Rule 23, including (if applicable) the predominance requirement of Rule 23(b)(3),” and must carry their burden of proof “before class certification.” *Halliburton Co. v. Erica P. John Fund, Inc.*, 573 U.S. 258, 275-76 (2014). Plaintiffs must do so by “a preponderance of the evidence.” *Olean Wholesale Grocery Coop., Inc. v. Bumble Bee Foods LLC*, 31 F.4th 651, 665 (9th Cir. 2020). As discussed below, Plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden.¹

IV. PLAINTIFFS’ PROPOSED CLASSES ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY DEFINED

A threshold requirement for class certification is that Plaintiffs must establish a definite class. Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(1)(B) (“[a]n order that certifies a class action must define the class and the class claims, issues, or defenses”). Here, however, Plaintiffs’ proposed nationwide and California classes are not sufficiently defined to warrant class certification.

Specifically, Plaintiffs’ proposed classes are defined to include all UFC Fight Pass subscribers in the United States and California, respectively, who “requested or obtained on-demand video content on the UFC Fight Pass Website” and “with respect to whom Meta received their [Facebook] ID and the URL of the webpage hosting video content.” Not. of Mot. at 2. According to Plaintiffs, “the Classes are limited to subscribers whose data was *actually sent* to Meta.” Mot. at 14 (emphasis added). But, as discussed in Sections VI and VII below, there is no way to determine on a class-wide basis whether any putative class member’s Facebook ID was “actually sent” to Meta through the Pixel on the Fight Pass Website.

Recognizing this defect in their proposed class definitions, Plaintiffs suggest that “Meta has

¹ Plaintiffs’ Motion is also filled with baseless allegations regarding the merits that are not at issue on class certification. *See, e.g.*, Mot. at 16-18 (alleging that Zuffa “knowingly” disclosed Facebook IDs). These allegations are demonstrably false and Zuffa vigorously disputes any contention that it has violated the VPPA or California law. But that is a matter for another day.

1 records of the data transfers [that] will allow confirmation of whose data was transferred.” Mot. at
 2 14. [REDACTED]

3 [REDACTED]
 4 [REDACTED]
 5 [REDACTED]. And aside from blindly pointing
 6 to Meta’s records, Plaintiffs have provided no other evidence to demonstrate how they can possibly
 7 confirm whose Facebook IDs were “actually sent” to Meta. Plaintiffs’ inability to answer this
 8 fundamental question—whose Facebook IDs (if any) were disclosed to Meta—renders futile any
 9 effort to define a class that warrants certification. It also signals the existence of other inherent
 10 flaws in Plaintiffs’ Motion, such as the existence of individualized issues and an unmanageable
 11 class, that are discussed in greater detail below.²

12 Nor can Plaintiffs resolve this defect by expanding their proposed class definitions to
 13 include putative class members who could not have possibly been harmed, such as UFC Fight Pass
 14 subscribers who do not have Facebook accounts (and, therefore, do not have Facebook IDs to begin
 15 with), or UFC Fight Pass subscribers with respect to whom Meta received other types of data (such
 16 as the fbp cookie) that could not possibly be considered PII. Such proposed class definitions would
 17 also be improper because they are fatally overbroad. *See, e.g., Mazza v. Am. Honda Motor Co.*,
 18 666 F.3d 581, 596 (9th Cir. 2012) (holding that class definition was overbroad).

19 Accordingly, Plaintiffs’ Motion should be denied because Plaintiffs have not (and cannot)
 20 satisfy the threshold requirement that their proposed classes must be definite.³

21 **V. PLAINTIFFS HAVE FAILED TO PROVE NUMEROSITY**

22 Plaintiffs have also failed to prove that “there are *in fact* sufficiently numerous parties” in
 23

24 ² Plaintiffs’ proposed class definitions are also improper because they create a “fail safe” class that
 25 is defined to include only those individuals who were purportedly injured by the allegedly unlawful
 26 conduct. *See Olean Wholesale Grocery Coop., Inc. v. Bumble Bee Foods LLC*, 31 F.4th 651, 669
 27 n.14 (9th Cir. 2022). “Such a class definition is improper because a class member either wins or,
 28 by virtue of losing, is defined out of the class and is therefore not bound by the judgment.” *Id.*

³ Even setting these issues aside, Plaintiffs’ proposed California class is not sufficiently defined
 because it fails to account for the different statute of limitations for each California claim. Not. of
 Mot. at 2. As Plaintiffs acknowledge (Mot. at 4), all of their claims, other than the UCL claim, are
 subject to a two-year statute of limitations. At a minimum, the proposed California class should be
 limited to the same time period as the proposed Nationwide class for all but the UCL claim.

each of their proposed classes. *Comcast*, 569 U.S. at 33; *McCarty v. SMG Holdings, I, LLC*, 2022 WL 913092, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2022) (denying class certification where plaintiffs “have no idea” how many people are in their proposed classes). Plaintiffs’ only attempt is their claim that the proposed classes [REDACTED] Mot. at 7. That is not nearly enough. Plaintiffs’ proposed classes include multiple additional requirements for membership, including that each putative class member’s Facebook ID was “actually sent” to Meta. Mot. at 14; Not. of Mot. at 2. Plaintiffs offer no estimate as to the actual size of any class, and their only offer of proof is that “Meta has records of the data transfers, which . . . will allow confirmation of whose data was transferred.” Mot. at 14. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Moreover, Plaintiffs have only subpoenaed records from Meta for the three named Plaintiffs, and [REDACTED]. *See infra* Section VII.A; *see also* Schnell Rep. ¶ 83. Plaintiffs’ bare reliance on nothing more than these records and the general number of Fight Pass subscribers “leav[es] the court with little concrete basis for assessing numerosity.” *Mays v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, 804 F. App’x 641, 642 (9th Cir. 2020) (unpublished); *see also Miller v. RP On-Site, LLC*, 2020 WL 6940936, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2020) (“mere conclusory allegations as to the estimated class size are insufficient”).

VI. PLAINTIFFS HAVE FAILED TO MEET THEIR BURDEN OF SHOWING COMMON QUESTIONS PREDOMINATE OVER INDIVIDUALIZED ISSUES

Under Rule 23(b)(3), a class action is only maintainable if “the court finds that questions of law or fact common to class members predominate over any questions affecting only individual members” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Although similar to the commonality requirement of Rule 23(a)(2),⁴ the predominance inquiry is “far more demanding.” *Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor*, 521 U.S. 591, 624 (1997). Common issues “predominate” only where “there is a clear justification for handling the dispute on a representative basis” *Antoninetti v. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inv.*, 2012 WL 3762440, at *5-6 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 28, 2012). The question is not whether common issues

⁴ To satisfy Rule 23(a)(2), Plaintiffs must identify “common” questions that, if tried, would result in “common answers” that would “drive the resolution of the litigation.” *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 564 U.S. 338, 350 (2011). Here, however, the question of whether Zuffa allegedly disclosed PII to Meta will not generate “common answers” due to the individualized issues discussed below.

1 exist, but whether issues “subject to generalized proof . . . predominate over those issues that are
 2 subject only to individualized proof.” *In re Graphics Processing*, 253 F.R.D. at 501 (N.D. Cal.
 3 2008); *see also Bowerman v. Field Asset Servs., Inc.*, 60 F.4th 459, 469 (9th Cir. 2023) (“class
 4 certification is inappropriate when individualized questions . . . will overwhelm common ones”) (internal quotations and citation omitted). The Court must take a “close look” at the evidence to
 5 make these determinations. *Comcast*, 569 U.S. at 34.

7 Here, Plaintiffs’ Motion should be denied because the core issue underlying all of Plaintiffs’
 8 claims—whether Zuffa disclosed Facebook IDs to Meta—raises a host of individualized issues that
 9 cannot be resolved on a class-wide basis.

10 **A. Whether Facebook IDs Were Disclosed to Meta Requires Individualized Proof.**

11 Plaintiffs claim that “every time” a putative class member accessed an on-demand video on
 12 the Fight Pass website during the proposed class periods, “they triggered a ‘Page View’ event that
 13 transmitted to Meta the subscriber’s Facebook ID—which identifies the person—and the URL of
 14 [the] webpage accessed, which disclosed the title of the video.” Mot. at 14. According to Plaintiffs,
 15 this occurred because the Pixel on the Fight Pass website caused each putative class member’s web
 16 browser to transmit third-party cookies (called the c_user and m_page_voice cookies) that included
 17 Facebook IDs to Meta. *Id.* But not only is this wrong (*see* Schnell Rep. ¶¶ 45-69), Plaintiffs admit
 18 that “perhaps 30% of total tracking was lost” due to a variety of highly individualized issues that
 19 would have prevented the c_user and m_page_voice cookies from ever being transmitted to Meta.
 20 *Id.* at 15. In fact, as discussed below, the percentage is likely significantly higher.

21 These individualized issues include a laundry list of common Facebook and web browser
 22 settings and practices, including whether each putative class member used a web browser (like
 23 Safari) that blocks third-party cookies by default, changed their web browser settings, installed an
 24 ad blocker extension, manually cleared cookies, used Incognito mode, used multiple web browsers
 25 or devices, shared their web browsers or devices, logged out of Facebook before watching a video
 26 on the Fight Pass website, or changed certain Facebook settings. Therefore, even if Plaintiffs’
 27 claims had merit, it would be impossible to determine whether Zuffa’s use of the Pixel caused the
 28

disclosure of Facebook IDs without evidence of each and every proposed class member's Facebook and web browser settings and practices. Each of these variables must be known to determine whether the c_user and m_page_voice cookies *could* have been transmitted to Meta.

Type of Web Browser. Each putative class member will need to present evidence regarding the type of web browser(s) they used to watch videos on the Fight Pass website. That is because many web browsers—including Safari, Firefox, and Brave—block third-party cookies by default. Exs. X, Y, Z. Therefore, even if a potential class member logged in to Facebook and then watched videos on the Fight Pass website using one of these web browsers, the browser would have blocked the transmission of third-party cookies—including the c_user and m_page_voice cookies—through the Pixel. *See* Schnell Rep. ¶ 45(e); Mot. at 15 (acknowledging that “certain browsers . . . may block third-party cookies”). Tellingly, Plaintiffs’ expert chose not to conduct any testing using one of these web browsers, even though they are widely used (and, in fact, were used by the Plaintiffs here). Herold Decl. at ¶¶ 62-86. According to a recent survey, Safari was the most popular mobile browser in the U.S. during the proposed class periods, making up over 50% of the market share. And Safari and Firefox together comprised approximately 20-30% of the U.S. desktop browser market during the same period.⁵ This fact alone demonstrates that Facebook IDs would not have been transmitted to Meta through the Pixel for a significant percentage of the proposed classes.

Illustrating this point, two of the three Plaintiffs used web browsers that would have blocked the transmission of Facebook IDs to Meta by default. Plaintiff Bloom used [REDACTED] to access the Fight Pass website [REDACTED] Ex. B at 4-5. Likewise, Plaintiff Graham used [REDACTED] to access the Fight Pass website [REDACTED] Ex. K at 5.

Browser Settings and Extensions. Each putative class member will also need to present evidence regarding their web browser settings and extensions. Even web browsers that do not block third-party cookies by default (such as Chrome) still give users the option to change their settings to automatically block third-party cookies. Ex. PP. Likewise, these web browsers allow users to

⁵ <https://www.statista.com/statistics/272664/market-share-held-by-mobile-browsers-in-the-us/>; <https://gs.statcounter.com/browser-market-share/desktop/united-states-of-america>.

1 install extensions that automatically block third-party cookies, such as Adblock, Adblock Plus,
 2 and AdGuard. Exs. VV, QQ, RR. There is no dispute that changing these web browser settings or
 3 installing these extensions would have blocked the transmission of Facebook IDs via the c_user
 4 and m_page_voice cookies to Meta. See Schnell Rep. ¶ 45(e); see also Mot. at 15 (acknowledging
 5 that “certain . . . add-on software may block third-party cookies”). In fact, by Plaintiffs’ own
 6 estimate, these types of web browser settings and extensions could have blocked “30% of total
 7 tracking” in this case. Mot. at 15. However, according to a recent survey by Pew Research Center,
 8 the percentage is likely significantly higher, as nearly 70% of social media users said they have
 9 turned off cookies or website tracking to manage their privacy online. Ex. AA.⁶

10 Here, one out of three Plaintiffs used web browser extensions that automatically block third-
 11 party cookies. Specifically, [REDACTED]
 12 [REDACTED]
 13 [REDACTED]. Ex. K at 8. That is in addition to using
 14 the [REDACTED] web browsers, which, as noted above, block third-party cookies by default.

15 **Cookie Clearing.** Each putative class member will likewise need to present evidence
 16 regarding whether they cleared cookies from their web browser after logging in to Facebook but
 17 before watching videos on the Fight Pass website on the same web browser. If so, the c_user and
 18 m_page_voice cookies would have been deleted from their web browser and would not have been
 19 transmitted through the Pixel. See Schnell Rep. ¶¶ 45(i)-(k). This is a common practice to fix
 20 certain problems with a web browser, such as loading or formatting issues on websites. Ex. WW;
 21 see also Ex. BB (36% of U.S. respondents surveyed regularly deleted cookies).

22 Indeed, two of the three Plaintiffs [REDACTED] testified that they regularly
 23 cleared cookies. Ex. E at 155:16-156:19 [REDACTED] Ex.
 24 G at 169:8-14, 168:8-169:4 [REDACTED]
 25 [REDACTED] The third Plaintiff [REDACTED]

27 ⁶ According to the Chrome Web Store, Adblock has 69 million users; Adblock Plus has 47 million
 28 users; AdGuard has 13 million users. Exs. VV, QQ, RR. These are just a small sample of the many
 web browser extensions that automatically block third-party cookies.

could not specifically recall whether he had ever cleared cookies but admitted that it was possible. Ex. C at 170:14-171:8.

Incognito Mode. Each putative class member will also need to present evidence that they did not watch videos on the Fight Pass website using a private browsing feature, such as “Incognito” mode. For example, Google Chrome blocks third-party cookies by default within each Incognito session and deletes cookies every time an Incognito window is closed. Ex. CC. Therefore, using Incognito mode (or a similar private browsing feature) could have prevented the transmission of Facebook IDs via the c_user and m_page_voice cookies. See Schnell Rep. ¶ 45(g).

This feature is commonly used. For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ex. H; Ex. C at 191:4-12, 191:18-24, 192:9-18. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Ex. C at 169:11-170:2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Ex. G at 167:13-21.

Facebook Log Ins. Each putative class member will additionally need to present evidence that they watched a video on the Fight Pass website while logged in to their Facebook account on the same web browser. That is because Facebook only temporarily places the c_user and m_page_voice cookies on a user’s web browser when they are logged in to the Facebook website. See Schnell Rep. ¶¶ 45(a), (d). If the user logs out of their Facebook account, these cookies are cleared from the web browser and cannot be transmitted to Meta through the Pixel on another website. See *id.*; see also *In re Hulu Priv. Litig.*, 2014 WL 2758598, at *14 (noting that whether the c_user cookie is transmitted to Facebook turns on a number of variables, “including whether the user remained logged into Facebook”).

Here, records of Plaintiffs’ log ins and log outs from Facebook demonstrate the difficulties of determining whether any given putative class member had the c_user and m_page_voice cookies on their web browsers at any given time. For example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ex. SS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Exs. TT, UU.

1 **Multiple Web Browsers and Devices.** For the same reason above, if a user logs in to their
 2 Facebook account on one web browser (for example, Google Chrome) and visits a website with the
 3 Pixel on another web browser (for example, Microsoft Edge), the c_user and m_page_voice cookies
 4 could not be transmitted to Meta because they are restricted to the browser on which they were
 5 placed (i.e., Google Chrome in this example). *See* Schnell Rep. ¶ 45(a). The same is true if a user
 6 logs in to their Facebook account on one device (for example, a laptop) and visits a website with
 7 the Pixel on another device (for example, an iPhone) because the cookies are specific to the web
 8 browser on the device on which they were placed (i.e., the laptop in this example). *Id.*

9 **Shared Devices.** Whether a user’s Facebook ID could have been disclosed depends on
 10 whether more than one person used the device. That is because the c_user and m_page_voice
 11 cookies are tied to the Facebook account that was last logged in to on that web browser. In other
 12 words, if a putative class member shares their laptop with a roommate, and the roommate was the
 13 last to log in to Facebook on the web browser on that device, then any c_user and m_page_voice
 14 cookies on that device will be tied to the roommate’s Facebook account. *See* Schnell Rep. ¶ 45(c).

15 Illustrating the points above, each of the [REDACTED]
 16 [REDACTED]. *See, e.g.,* Ex. B at 4-5; Ex. J at 5; Ex. K at 5; Ex.
 17 G at 71:6-16; Ex. E at 66:8-16. Likewise, [REDACTED]. Ex. C at
 18 91:14-22; Ex. E at 46:18-51:10, 55:5-59:24; Ex. G at 76:2-16. [REDACTED]

19 [REDACTED]
 20 [REDACTED]. Ex. C at 98:9-16,
 21 100:13-17 [REDACTED]
 22 [REDACTED] *id.* at 207:20-208:3 [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED] Each of these variables makes it possible (if not likely) that Plaintiffs
 24 were not logged in to Facebook on the same web browser that they each used to access Fight Pass.
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26 **Facebook Settings.** Finally, each putative class member will need to present evidence that
 27 they did not disable the “Off-Facebook Activity” and “activity information” settings at the time
 28 they watched a video on the Fight Pass website. Through these settings, Facebook users can

1 disconnect the information Meta receives and uses about their activity on other websites, such as
 2 through the Pixel. Exs. DD, EE. Facebook gives its users the option to disable Off-Facebook
 3 Activity entirely or just for specific websites. *Id.* In addition, Facebook gives its users the option
 4 to choose whether Facebook can use “activity information” from “businesses, organizations or
 5 people who share information with Meta through [its] marketing and advertising business tools”
 6 such as the Pixel. Ex. FF. These settings also could have prevented Facebook IDs from being
 7 transmitted to Meta through the Pixel on the Fight Pass website. *See* Schnell Rep. ¶ 45(h).⁷

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9 Given all of the things that must happen (or not) for the c_user and m_page_voice cookies
 10 to be transmitted to Meta, there is simply no way to determine whether any disclosure could have
 11 occurred. The Court would have to assess (1) when a putative class member had logged into
 12 Facebook, (2) whether it was before they had watched an on-demand video on the Fight Pass
 13 website, (3) whether it was using the same web browser on the same device, (4) whether that web
 14 browser blocked cookies by default, by optional settings, and/or by extensions, (5) whether cookies
 15 had been manually cleared in the meantime, (6) whether the web browser was in Incognito mode,
 16 (7) whether the device was shared with anyone else using Facebook, and (8) whether the putative
 17 class member’s “Off-Facebook Activity” and “activity information” settings were enabled. Simply
 18 put, there is no way to determine whether Zuffa disclosed Facebook IDs to Meta without highly
 19 individualized inquiries regarding each of these variables for every alleged disclosure.
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21 Based on similar facts, courts have ruled that these types of individualized issues preclude
 22 class certification. *See, e.g., In re Hulu Privacy Litig.*, 2014 WL 2758598, at *22 (denying class
 23 certification where “substantial issues about remaining logged into Facebook and clearing and
 24 blocking cookies means that the court cannot conclude on this record that the common issues
 25 predominate over the individualized ones”); *see also In re: Facebook Privacy Litig.*, 2016 WL

26 ⁷ In addition, there are issues outside of the control of putative class members that could have
 27 impacted the functionality of the Pixel. As Ms. Herold’s report shows, sometimes the Pixel simply
 28 does not work at all. Herold Decl. ¶ 82 (“Warnings: We detected event code but the pixel has not
 activated for this event, so no information was sent to Meta. This could be due to an error in the
 code, but could also occur if the pixel fires on a dynamic event such as a button click.”).

1 4585817, at *7-10 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 2, 2016) (denying class certification because the question of
 2 whether Facebook disclosed PII to advertisers through referrer headers could not be resolved by
 3 common proof).⁸ The same outcome should follow here.

4 **B. The “fbp” Cookie Is Not Common Proof That Zuffa Disclosed Facebook IDs.**

5 Recognizing that their disclosure theory—that the Pixel disclosed Facebook IDs via the
 6 c_user and m_page_voice cookies—is riddled with individualized issues, Plaintiffs argue for the
 7 first time in their Motion that the Pixel also transmits a first-party cookie (the “fbp” cookie) to Meta
 8 “to defeat cookie blocker settings.” Mot. at 4, 14-15. This argument fails for several reasons.

9 First and most significantly, unlike the c_user and m_page_voice cookies, the fbp cookie
 10 does **not** include a Facebook ID. Schnell Rep. ¶ 49. Rather, the fbp cookie is comprised of a
 11 “random number” and the time of day. *Id.* ¶ 48; Ex. GG. Therefore, the mere existence of the fbp
 12 cookie does not provide any evidence—let alone common proof—that Zuffa disclosed Facebook
 13 IDs to Meta. Nor do Plaintiffs offer any explanation of how the fbp cookie could otherwise be used
 14 to prove that Zuffa disclosed Facebook IDs to Meta. As such, Plaintiffs have failed to meet their
 15 burden. *See Halliburton*, 573 U.S. 258, 275-76 (2014) (“[P]laintiffs wishing to proceed through a
 16 class action must actually prove—not simply plead—that their proposed class satisfies each
 17 requirement of Rule 23, including (if applicable) the predominance requirement of Rule 23(b)(3).”).

18 Second, to the extent Plaintiffs contend that the fbp cookie “uniquely identifies the user”
 19 (Mot. at 4), they are wrong. *See* Schnell Rep. ¶¶ 49-63. As noted above, the fbp cookie does not
 20 contain **any** personally identifying information; it only contains a random number and the time of
 21 day. *Id.* Moreover, to the extent Plaintiffs are asserting that Facebook has the ability to somehow
 22 link the fbp cookie to a Facebook user, that is nothing more than speculation. Indeed, Plaintiffs’
 23 expert admitted in her deposition that she did not know how Meta *might* use the fbp cookie to
 24 identify an individual. Herold Dep. at 234:12-18; *see also* Schnell Rep. ¶¶ 55, 60-63. And even if
 25 Plaintiffs were correct, the Ninth Circuit’s decision in *Eichenberger v. ESPN, Inc.* precludes any

26 ⁸ Plaintiffs’ assertion that “VPPA claims, in particular, are suitable for class certification” is
 27 misleading. Mot. at 6. Indeed, all of the cases Plaintiffs cite for this contention were certified for
 28 settlement purposes only, and none involved the Meta Pixel. *See id.* (citing inapposite authority);
see also Mot. 8-9 (same).

1 argument that the fbp cookie is “personally identifiable information.” 876 F.3d 979 (9th Cir. 2017).

2 In *Eichenberger*, the court held that “personally identifiable information” under the VPPA
 3 “means only that information that would ‘readily permit *an ordinary person* to identify a specific
 4 individual’s video-watching behavior.” *Id.* at 985 (citation omitted; emphasis added). Applying
 5 this “ordinary person” standard, the court found the plaintiff’s allegations insufficient to state a
 6 claim under the VPPA because the information that ESPN disclosed “*cannot* identify an individual
 7 unless it is combined with other data in [a third-party’s] possession—data that ESPN never
 8 disclosed and apparently never even possessed.” *Id.* at 986. The court reasoned that the VPPA
 9 “looks to what information a video service provider discloses, not to what the recipient of that
 10 information decides to do with it,” and consequently “‘personally identifiable information’ must
 11 have the same meaning without regard to its recipient’s capabilities.” *Id.* at 985; *see also In re*
 12 *Nickelodeon Consumer Privacy Litig.*, 827 F.3d 262, 267 (3rd Cir. 2016) (finding that a “browser
 13 fingerprint,” IP address, and unique device identifier did not constitute PII under the VPPA). Thus,
 14 Plaintiffs cannot contend that the fbp cookie is common proof that Zuffa disclosed PII to Meta.

15 Third, the fbp cookie also raises its own individualized issues. As Plaintiffs’ expert
 16 admitted, first-party cookies (like the fbp cookie) can be blocked just like the third-party cookies
 17 discussed above. Ex. U at 238:2-22; *see also* Schnell Rep. ¶ 97 (“it is quote easy to block first
 18 party cookies from any modern browser”). Therefore, each putative class member will still have
 19 to present evidence regarding their web browsers settings and practices. Moreover, to the extent
 20 Plaintiffs suggest that Meta somehow associates the fbp cookie with Facebook users by linking it
 21 to other information in Meta’s database, then each putative class member must also present
 22 evidence regarding whether and how Meta associated the fbp cookie with their Facebook account.
 23 While this depends on a confluence of factors that are not knowable to anyone other than Meta, [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

25 **VII. PLAINTIFFS HAVE FAILED TO MEET THEIR BURDEN OF SHOWING THAT**
 26 **CLASS TREATMENT IS THE SUPERIOR METHOD OF ADJUDICATION**

27 Plaintiffs’ Motion also fails to satisfy Rule 23(b)(3)’s superiority requirement because the
 28 proposed classes are unmanageable. To satisfy Rule 23(b)(3), Plaintiffs must demonstrate that “a
 class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the

controversy.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). In assessing superiority, courts consider, among other factors, “the likely difficulties in managing a class action.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3)(D). “When the complexities of class action treatment outweigh the benefits of considering common issues in one trial, class action treatment is not the ‘superior’ method of adjudication.” *Zinser v. Accufix Rsch. Inst., Inc.*, 253 F.3d 1180, 1192 (9th Cir. 2001) (citations omitted).

Here, as discussed above, determining whether any putative class member’s Facebook ID was “actually sent” to Meta will be extremely difficult (if not impossible) due to the wide variety of individualized issues. As a result, the evidentiary showing that would be necessary to establish liability for each and every putative class member would overwhelm the benefits of class adjudication. This is particularly true where, as here, there are no records, master lists, or other data that can be used to confirm whether, for example, a putative class member logged in to Facebook before watching a video on the Fight Pass website on the same browser, or what cookie-blocking settings or extensions they may have used on their computer years ago. As discussed above, [REDACTED]. And, contrary to Plaintiffs’ suggestion (Mot. at 15), Zuffa has no records that could be used to determine whether Facebook IDs were transmitted to Meta. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Mot. at 15.

Under similar circumstances, courts have held that “class treatment is not superior.” *See In re Hulu Privacy Litig.*, 2014 WL 2758598, at *22-23; *see also Zinser*, 253 F.3d at 1192 (“If each class member has to litigate numerous and substantial separate issues to establish his or her right to recover individually, a class action is not ‘superior.’”); *Wetzel v. CertainTeed Corp.*, 2019 WL 3976204, at *19 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 25, 2019) (denying class certification where “the predominance of individualized questions influence[d] the court’s assessment of the manageability of th[e] case as a class action”). As the *Hulu* court explained, such claims are “not amenable to ready verification” because “the court cannot tell how potential class members reliably could establish by affidavit the answers to the potential questions: do you log into Facebook and Hulu from the same

1 browser; do you log out of Facebook; do you set browser settings to clear cookies; and do you use
 2 software to block cookies?” *Id.* at *15-16. This reasoning applies equally here. In fact, Plaintiffs
 3 have admitted that they have [REDACTED] of changing any privacy settings on their devices, web
 4 browsers, or Facebook accounts. Ex. B at 7, 9, 12; Ex. J at 8-9, 12; Ex. K at 7-9, 12. But, as
 5 Plaintiffs’ counsel acknowledged, that does not “preclude the possibility that someone [else] had
 6 changed [Plaintiffs’ settings] in the past without [their] knowledge.” Ex. II. These facts underscore
 7 that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to verify each putative class member’s claims.

8 Even if some putative class members could remember all of the relevant details for purposes
 9 of establishing their claims, due process requires some way for Zuffa to verify or contest the claims
 10 of potentially tens of thousands of purported class members seeking at least \$2,500 in damages.
 11 This large sum (equivalent to two hundred months of a Fight Pass subscription) creates incentives
 12 for potential class members to make out a claim. Thus, reliability and verifiability are even more
 13 critical here, and due process is lost if Zuffa is not permitted to weed out inaccurate claims.⁹

14 Finally, while Plaintiffs are correct that the Ninth Circuit in *Briseno v. ConAgra Foods, Inc.*,
 15 844 F.3d 1121 (9th Cir. 2017) rejected the requirement that plaintiffs provide an administratively
 16 feasible way to identify all class members (Mot. at 15), it did not hold that manageability is
 17 irrelevant to class certification. To the contrary, the Ninth Circuit noted that there is no need for a
 18 separate administrative feasibility requirement because the other Rule 23 factors, including the
 19 superiority analysis of Rule 23(b)(3), adequately account for that concern. *See Briseno*, 844 F.3d
 20 at 1124 n.4 (“[W]e have addressed the types of alleged definitional deficiencies other courts have
 21 referred to as ‘ascertainability’ issues . . . through analysis of Rule 23’s enumerated requirements.”).
 22 More recently, the Ninth Circuit noted that courts have taken various approaches to addressing
 23 member-identification concerns and approved the Sixth Circuit’s conclusion that “a district court’s
 24 class-certification analysis would have been equally sufficient, regardless of whether the member-

25 ⁹ Under *Wakefield v. ViSalus, Inc.*, courts must also consider whether extreme aggregated damages
 26 transgress defendants’ due process protections. 51 F.4th 1109, 1121 (9th Cir. 2022), *cert. denied*,
 27 143 S. Ct. 1756 (2023) (aggregated statutory damages awards are, in certain extreme circumstances,
 28 subject to constitutional due process limitations, particularly “in the mass communications class
 action context,” where “vast cumulative damages can be easily incurred, because modern
 technology permits hundreds of thousands of automated calls and triggers minimum statutory
 damages with the push of a button.”).

identification concern was properly articulated as part of ascertainability, Rule 23(b)(3) predominance, or Rule 23(b)(3) superiority.” *Walker v. Life Ins. Co. of the Sw.*, 953 F.3d 624, 632 (9th Cir. 2020) (quoting *Sandusky Wellness Ctr., LLC v. ASD Specialty Healthcare, Inc.*, 863 F.3d 460, 466 (6th Cir. 2017)) (internal quotations and alterations omitted). Therefore, both *Briseno* and *Walker* confirm that a court may consider class verification issues as part of its Rule 23 analysis.

VIII. THE PROPOSED CALIFORNIA CLASS SHOULD NOT BE CERTIFIED FOR ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT REASONS

A. Plaintiff Bloom Cannot Satisfy the Typicality and Adequacy Requirements.

Plaintiff Bloom (who is the sole Plaintiff seeking to represent the proposed California class) is not an adequate or typical class representative because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Schnell Rep. ¶ 83. In other words, Bloom cannot demonstrate that he suffered any harm because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The law is clear that if a plaintiff lacks standing, he or she cannot seek remedies on behalf of the putative class members. *Petrie v. Elec. Game Card, Inc.*, 308 F.R.D. 336, 346 (C.D. Cal. 2015). For that reason, Bloom is not an adequate or typical class representative and cannot bring any claims on behalf of either of the putative classes.

B. Common Questions Do Not Predominate Over Individualized Issues.

First, Plaintiff Bloom’s Invasion of Privacy claim under the California Constitution turns on individualized factual questions of whether each putative class member maintained a reasonable expectation of privacy in UFC Fight Pass video titles. For example, two of the three named Plaintiffs admitted that they did not have an expectation of privacy in the specific videos that they watched on the Fight Pass website. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Graham Dep. at 85:9-14. And [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lindholm Dep. at 87:7-13. Therefore, resolution of the Invasion of Privacy claim here will likely “turn[] on individualized factual questions of whether each user actually maintained their reasonable expectation of privacy.” *Hart v. TWC Prod. & Tech. LLC*,

2023 WL 3568078, at *9 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2023) (denying class certification where determining a reasonable expectation of privacy required “an individualized factual inquiry” into the understanding of each individual user of an app that collected location data).

All three Plaintiffs also testified that [REDACTED] [REDACTED]—even after filing this lawsuit—further demonstrating no reasonable expectation of privacy. Ex. E at 126:6-8, 126:25-127:4; Ex. C at 130:7-18; Ex. G. at 123:24-124:25. In fact, putative class members are likely well aware of the Off-Facebook Activity setting given the numerous posts Facebook has made online explaining this feature and the widespread press it has garnered. *See, e.g.*, Exs. DD, EE, XX, YY. This too demonstrates that class certification is not warranted. *Hart*, 2023 WL 3568078, at *10-11.

Second, Plaintiff Bloom’s UCL claim will also require him to establish that Zuffa’s alleged omissions about the Pixel were material to putative class members, which is not subject to common proof. For example, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Ex. C at 65:5-23; Lindholm Depo. Tr. 62:6-63:24. This alone demonstrates that there would be no cohesion among the class members and that common questions regarding materiality would not predominate. *See, e.g., Townsend v. Monster Beverage Corp.*, 303 F. Supp. 3d 1010, 1045 (C.D. Cal. 2018) (denying class certification because the plaintiffs failed to present adequate evidence that alleged misstatement was material); *In re 5-Hour Energy Mktg. & Sales Pracs. Litig.*, 2017 WL 2559615, at *8 (C.D. Cal. June 7, 2017) (denying class certification because “[a]bsent a consumer survey or other market research to indicate how consumers reacted to the [challenged] statements, and how they valued these statements compared to other attributes of the product and the [relevant] market generally, Plaintiffs ha[d] not offered sufficient evidence of materiality across the class.”).

C. Plaintiff Bloom Fails to Provide Any Damages Methodology For His California Invasion of Privacy and UCL Claims.

Despite referencing proposed “damages and restitution models” (Mot. at 2), Plaintiff Bloom has failed to provide *any* methodology—reliable or otherwise—for calculating damages for his California Invasion of Privacy and UCL claims. In fact, elsewhere in the Motion, it states that “the only remedy sought for the UCL claim is injunctive relief.” Mot. at 24 n.9. Therefore, Bloom has

provided no information on which the Court could conduct an analysis (let alone a rigorous one) regarding the common methodology and model showing that “damages could feasibly and efficiently be calculated once the common liability questions are adjudicated.” *Kim v. Benihana, Inc.*, 2022 WL 1601393, at *12 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 25, 2022) (denying class certification where the plaintiff did not present a damages model); *Painters & Allied Trades Dist. Council 82 Health Care Fund v. Takeda Pharm. Co. Ltd.*, 2023 WL 4191651, at *25 (C.D. Cal. May 24, 2023) (“Until a model is constructed, or an analysis is performed, Plaintiffs receive a grade of ‘incomplete’ with respect to damages and the predominance inquiry under Rule 23(b)(3).”).

IX. PLAINTIFFS LACK STANDING TO CERTIFY A RULE 23(b)(2) CLASS

Plaintiffs also lack standing to certify a Rule 23(b)(2) class because they are not currently Fight Pass subscribers and have not shown that they will suffer future harm. To certify a class under Rule 23(b)(2), Plaintiffs must show that they have “suffered or [are] threatened with a concrete and particularized legal harm . . . coupled with a sufficient likelihood that [they] will again be wronged in a similar way.” *Larsen*, 2017 WL 11633132 at *6.

Here, as noted, Plaintiffs do not currently have Fight Pass subscriptions and have submitted no evidence demonstrating that they intend to purchase one in the future. *See* Bloom, Graham, and Lindholm Decls. Plaintiffs also acknowledge that the Pixel has been removed from video pages on the Fight Pass website. Mot. at 24 (noting that Zuffa already took “steps to prevent violations of VPPA and related laws raised in this case (e.g., adding ‘exceptions’ to Meta Pixel PAGE VIEW event trigger”). Without any proof of an ongoing relationship with Zuffa or potential for future harm, Plaintiffs therefore “lack[] standing to obtain an injunction against its future conduct.” *Davis v. Homecomings Fin.*, 2007 WL 1600809, at *2 (W.D. Wash. June 1, 2007).

X. PLAINTIFFS SHOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM USING META’S RECORDS FOR THE FIRST TIME ON REPLY

Meta produced records in response to Plaintiffs’ subpoena nearly three months ago. Yet, even though Plaintiffs’ Motion purports to rely on these records (Mot. at 14), Plaintiffs have made no effort to explain how the information within Meta’s records supports their Motion. Plaintiffs have not supplemented their Motion to discuss Meta’s records, and Plaintiffs’ expert has not expressed any opinions based on their contents. Ex. U at 130:10-25. Consequently, Plaintiffs have

1 waived any argument based on the contents of Meta’s records and should be prohibited from
 2 attempting to do so for the first time on reply. *See In re Graphics*, 253 F.R.D. at 501 (holding that
 3 “[s]lipping [] new arguments into a rebuttal report was a clear-cut form of sandbagging and was
 4 simply unfair.”); *In re Taco Bell Wage & Hour Actions*, 2011 WL 4479730, at *7 (E.D. Cal. Sept.
 5 26, 2011) (“New evidence or analysis presented for the first time in a reply will not be considered.”).

XI. PLAINTIFFS HAVE WAIVED CLASS CERTIFICATION AGAINST THE ENDEAVOR DEFENDANTS

7 Defendants Endeavor Group Holdings and Endeavor Streaming’s motion to dismiss is
 8 currently pending before the Court. ECF No. 60. However, despite naming the Endeavor
 9 Defendants as parties prior to filing the instant Motion, Plaintiffs bring their Motion solely against
 10 Zuffa and make no showing that a class should be certified against the Endeavor Defendants.
 11 Plaintiffs’ Motion does not so much as mention Endeavor Group Holdings and only makes a
 12 passing reference to Endeavor Streaming (Mot. at 4). Likewise, Plaintiffs’ expert submitted no
 13 opinions regarding the Endeavor Defendants. Herold Decl. ¶ 46. While the Endeavor Defendants
 14 continue to preserve their challenges to jurisdiction and Plaintiffs’ claims against them, Plaintiffs
 15 have waived their right to certify a class against the Endeavor Defendants by failing to timely file
 16 a motion for class certification against them. *See Carmen Pena v. Taylor Farms Pac., Inc.*, 2015
 17 WL 12550898 (E.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2015) (class was not certified against newly-added defendant
 18 because plaintiffs’ motion “did not specifically address certification of any class action against” it).

XII. CONCLUSION

20 For the foregoing reasons, Zuffa respectfully asks the Court to deny Plaintiffs’ Motion for
 21 Class Certification with prejudice.

22 DATED: November 17, 2023

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1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on November 17, 2023, I authorized the
3 electronic filing of the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will
4 send notification of such filing to the email addresses on the attached Electronic Mail Notice List,
5 and I hereby certify that I caused the mailing of the foregoing via the United States Postal Service
6 to the non-CM/ECF participants indicated on the attached Manual Notice List.

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8 /s/ **Susan Leader**

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